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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC DOWN 1.5 PERCENT IN FEBRUARY

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 15, 1989 -- Airline passenger traffic dropped 1.5 percent in February, compared with the same month last year, the Air Transport Association reported today. Last year, due to Leap Year, February contained one more day.

Domestic passenger miles in February decreased 4.3 percent. Available seat miles registered a decline of 2.6 percent. The number of passengers dropped to 28.3 million from 29.9 million a year ago, a 5.4 percent decrease. The load factor was 56.8 percent, down from 57.8 percent for February a year earlier.

International passenger miles of the U.S. airlines in February were up 11.2 percent. Available seat miles increased 10.9 percent, and passengers increased 7.5 percent to 2.3 million. The load factor was 57.2 percent, up from 57.0 percent in the same month of last year.

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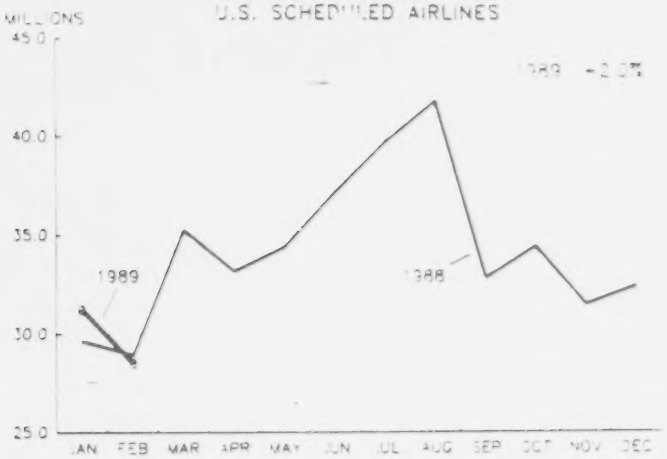
PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



CAPACITY
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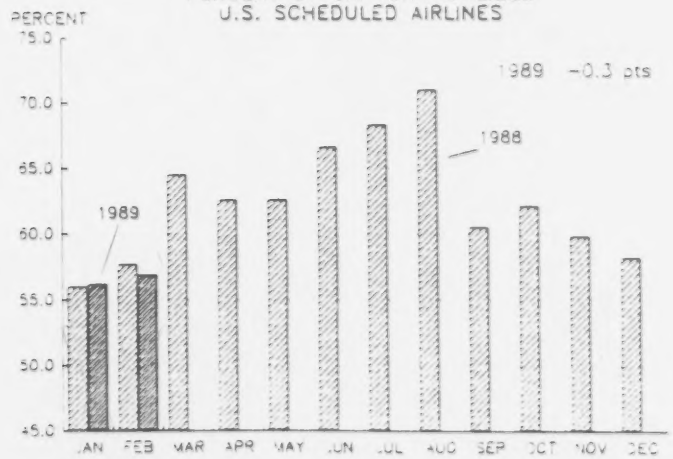
LOADFACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES



PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY 1989 - 1988

	FEBRUARY			YEAR TO DATE		
	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	29,865	28,261	(5.4)	58,613	57,677	(1.6)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	23,688,234	22,667,434	(4.3)	47,077,788	46,741,511	(0.7)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	40,948,303	39,903,425	(2.6)	83,679,798	83,945,432	0.3
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.8	56.8		56.3	55.7	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,185	2,349	7.5	4,623	5,083	10.0
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	5,254,750	5,842,340	11.2	11,515,638	13,001,046	12.9
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	9,214,832	10,218,606	10.9	19,410,548	21,773,146	12.2
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.0	57.2		59.3	59.7	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	32,050	30,610	(4.5)	63,236	62,760	(0.8)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	28,942,984	28,509,774	(1.5)	58,593,426	59,742,557	2.0
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	50,163,135	50,122,031	(0.1)	103,090,346	105,718,578	2.5
LOAD FACTOR (%)	57.7	56.9		56.8	56.5	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, PSA, AND SOUTHWEST.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1988				
January	29,650,442	52,927,211	56.0	31,186
February	28,942,984	50,163,135	57.7	32,050
March	35,272,127	54,716,378	64.5	38,706
April	33,198,513	53,003,608	62.6	35,784
May	34,418,015	54,979,089	62.6	36,655
June	37,191,232	55,810,290	66.6	37,938
July	39,764,831	58,230,586	68.3	39,414
August	41,847,510	58,916,983	71.0	41,439
September	32,888,970	54,398,532	60.5	33,914
October	34,468,706	55,507,544	62.1	36,519
November	31,506,302	52,723,437	59.8	34,695
December	32,434,239	55,695,092	58.2	34,230
TOTAL 1988	411,583,871	657,071,885	62.6	432,530
Jan - Feb 1988	58,593,426	103,090,346	56.8	63,236
1989				
January	31,232,713	55,596,547	56.2	32,150
February	28,509,774	50,122,031	56.9	30,610
TOTAL 1989	59,742,487	105,718,578	56.5	62,760

PERCENT CHANGE

	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989/1988			
February	-1.5	-0.1	-4.5
Jan - Feb	2.0	2.5	-0.8